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Ottawa, 30th March, 1911.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 21st instant, respecting the surrender of a portion of their reserve by Mistawasis Band of Indians, I beg to say that the Department approves of your recommendation that the Engine, Plough and Separator be retained for the use of any of the reserves within the Agency, and therefore the cost will not be a charge against the Funds of Mistawasis Band, and you should so inform the Indians. Those who benefit from the use of the above mentioned plant will be required to pay for it, as well as the cost of fuel, oil, repairs etc out of the proceeds of the sale of grain raised from time to time. An account should be opened in the Loose Leaf Ledger with every Indian who has land broken for him and a fair cost charged him, and when payment is made towards this cost, the amount should be credited. All remittances to the Department on this account, must be made apart from any other remittances you may have to make in separate cheques under cover of separate letters from time to time, and not confused with other remittances. They will be placed to the credit of "Farming Operations" account, and the cost each year of the fuel, oil, twine repairs and operating expenses will be charged to this account.

You omitted to enclose with the surrender the Statutory Declaration. This is necessary and should be forwarded forthwith.

As soon as the snow has disappeared and you can get on the land, you should put an upset price per acre on each quarter section

Thos. Borthwick Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Mistawasis, Sask.

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